

Application No. 10/092,631
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2004

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Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 are amended and Claims 11-14 are added, by the present amendment, without introduction of new matter.

In the outstanding Action, Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; Claims 5-10 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c); Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 were objected to because of informalities; and Claims 1-10 were indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Initially, Applicants note that the Action is not an *Ex Parte Quayle* Action, because the claims have not been allowed in view of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, as agreed by Examiner Jackson via a telephone discussion conducted July 6, 2004, prosecution on the merits remains open and the shortened two-month statutory period for response does not apply.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the Examiner's comments, Claim 1 is amended to correct matters of antecedent basis; Claims 1-4, 6, and 7 are amended to remove the phrase "according to the above claim"; and Claims 5-10 are amended to remove the multiple dependencies of those claims.

In addition, Claim 1 is amended to omit the claimed "connector" and "capacitor". Dependent Claim 2 is amended to recapture the capacitor eliminated from Claim 1 and to emphasize that the capacitor is interposed between the first and second lines. Claims 1 and 2 are both amended to emphasize that the first and second lines provide a tuned short circuit termination with respect to f_0 , as recognized by the Action. Claims 6 and 7 are amended to omit some of the alternative language of those claims. Claims 9 and 10 are amended to

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further simplify the language of those claims. New Claims 11-14 are added to recapture the alternative language omitted from Claims 6 and 7. Claim 8 is canceled and corresponding new Claim 15 is added in view of the changes to Claims 1-7, 9, and 10, and the additional Claims 11-14.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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